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Naples, Jan. 20.

BY the Gallie that brought hither the Archbishop of *Palermo*, and other persons of quality, we have advice, that on the 18 past, eight French Men of War, and several Tartanes, having on board a good Body of Infantry, sailed from *Messina*, with an intention of making some attempt upon *Siracusa*; but understanding that the intelligence they had there was discovered, and the persons concerned therein apprehended, they changed their course, and sailed towards *Trapani*; but finding likewise they could not do any good there, they returned the 30 of the same month to *Messina*. We have farther advice, that the Viceroy of *Sicily* hath put 4000 Foot and 700 Horse into *Cananea*, and that he has reinforced the Garrison at *Siracusa* with 500 men.

Milan, Jan. 20. On Saturday last arrived here the Marquis de *Liche*, who is going in the quality of Ambassador Extraordinary of the King of *Spain* to *Rome*. All the Troops which are designed for *Sicily*, were to arrive yesterday at *Final*, where they are to embark.

Vienna, Jan. 31. The News we had of the submission of the Male-contents of *Hungary*, comes confirmed; and we are told that yesterday the Emperor signed a general Pardon of all past crimes and offences committed by them: It is said that several of the said Male-contents are entered into the Emperors service, that they are to be formed into two Regiments, and are to serve against the French this Campaigne. Here is arrived the Marquis de *Bethune*, being sent by the King of *Poland* to complement their Imperial Majesties on the subject of their marriage. The Sieur *Bevilacqua*, the Popes Nuncio, has taken his leave of the Emperor, in order to the beginning his journey towards *Nimeguen*: It is all the discourse at Court that the Empress is with Child, at which there is great rejoicing.

Hamburg, Febr. 7. By some Passengers come from *Berlin*, we are told, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* intended to part from thence in few dayes, for *Wesel*, to meet the Prince of *Orange* there. That great preparations are making at *Berlin*, and other places in his Electoral Highnesses Territories, for the Siege of *Stetin*, though at the same time we hear from the other side, that the Count *Coningsmark*, General of the *Suedish* Forces in *Pomerania*, had so well provided that place with all things necessary for its defence, that those Inhabitants do not much apprehend a Siege. Our Letters from *Denmark* tell us, that the sudden Thaw they had there, had very much set at ease the Countrey people, who live near the *Soundt*, as to the fears they had of being visited by the *Suedish* Parties, in case the Frost had continued some dayes longer, which would have given them an opportunity of passing the *Soundt* over the Ice. The King of *Denmark* makes great preparation for the Campaigne, and it's said, that by the beginning of *April*, he will pass over into *Schonen* with an Army of 30000 men. In the mean time we hear of no farther action of the *Suedes*, but are told, that even part of their Army is gone into Winter-quarters.

Francfort, Febr. 5. It is the discourse among the Imperial Generals, that the Emperor and his Allies will have this next Campaigne 80000 men in the Empire to act in several places against the French, not reckoning the Troops of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, who are to be solely employed against the *Suedes* in *Pomerania*. Hitherto the *Danish* Minister which is at *Ratisbonne*, hath not succeeded in his pretension of establishing a Toll at *Gluckstadt*; and it's said, that notwithstanding some Princes of the Empire are inclined to gratifie the King of *Denmark* therein, considering the present conjuncture, and of the War he is engaged against the Crown of *Sueden*, yet that the thing is so strongly opposed by some of the greatest Princes of Christendom, that we have ground to believe that the said *Danish* Minister will hardly prevail with the Electoral Colledge to grant the said Toll. The French have not yet quitted *Deux-ponts*, but continue very much to ruine the Countrey, as well in *Alsace*, as in the *Lower Palatinate*, by which means a great number of poor people are reduced to their last extremity.

Strasburgh, Febr. 5. The French have not as yet quitted *Haguenaw* nor *Deux-ponts*, though they continue to prepare their Mines in order thereunto. In the mean time their design seems to be, so to ruine *Alsace*, as that it shall not be able to afford the Allies any subsistence for their Armies this next Campaigne. The French have commanded the Inhabitants of *Bushweiler* to demolish their Walls and Gates, at which those poor people are greatly troubled. It is reported here, as if they likewise intended to demolish *Schlestadt*.

Ditto, Febr. 8. The French have not as yet quitted either *Haguenaw* or *Saverne*, but we expect they will in few dayes. They have burnt *Croon-Weissenburg*, which is one of the ten Imperial Towns in *Alsace*; and we are told that the Enemies design is to ruine all the Countrey between the *Rhine* and the *Saie*, that so there may not be left any subsistence for the Imperial Armies. Several Imperial Troops have, it's said, passed the *Rhine*, and are on their march, to hinder the Enemy from making any farther spoils.

Cologne, Febr. 12. The Sieur *Stratman*, the Emperors third Ambassador for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, continues still in this City. Yesterday he had Audience of our Elector in the Abby of *St Pantaleon*. From the *Rhine* they write, that the French had demolished the City of *Deux-ponts*. And from *Ratisbonne* our Letters tell us, that the 8th instant the Duke of *Neuburg* and the Count de *Montecuculi*, were to be with the Elector of *Bavaria*, to press him to give a Categorical Answer, as to the part he intends to take in the present War, the Emperor willing by no means permit, as is said, that he remain Neuter, but that he declare for the one side or the other. We expect with some impatience to hear what this meeting will produce.

Brussels, Febr. 14. Marechal d'*Humieres* hath finally put in execution the late Edict published by the French King for the not permitting any persons to live within the French Conquests, whose Relations are in the Spanish